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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Paul Dagum, Thomas A. Chavez  
Assignee: Rapt, Inc.  
Title: Method and Apparatus for Optimizing A Multivariate Allocation of Resources  
Serial No.: 09/491,461 Filing Date: January 26, 2000  
Examiner: Beth Van Doren Group Art Unit: 3623  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**GROUP 3600**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 14, 2003, having a shortened statutory period expiring on August 14, 2003. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate);
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (14 pages);
- (4) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages); and
- (5) Form PTO 1449 citing 17 references

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED (fees computed under 37 CFR §1.9(f))**

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	Minus	21	=	0	x \$ 9.00	\$ \$0
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	x \$ 42.00	\$ \$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee for Request for Extension of Time							\$ \$0
<b>Total additional fee for this Amendment:</b>							\$ \$0

- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- ☒ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of \$
- ☒ Also, charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 502306.

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